

EDITORIAL

The membership roll published in this issue of the *Bulletin* includes 1,085 names, the largest membership in the history of the Club. This is a very encouraging situation, especially when we recall that wartime conditions have caused the loss, at least temporarily, of many former members from the roll. The Treasurer will send out dues notices to all members soon after the publication of this issue of the *Bulletin*. Please send your dues in promptly or in any case send word to the Treasurer that you are continuing your membership and will pay your dues later. We shall then be able to save much time and expense in preparing the mailing list for the March *Bulletin*.

President Kendeigh has obtained new papers of incorporation in Illinois for the Wilson Ornithological Club, thus ensuring full legal protection for the Club and its invested funds. The Club was originally incorporated in Illinois in 1927.

We are very grateful to Ruth D. Turner who has again prepared the annual index for the *Bulletin*. Others to whom we are indebted for assistance during the past year are: Maurice Brooks, Edward M. Brigham, Jr., Helen T. Gaige, J. J. Hickey, Margaret B. Hickey, Ernst Mayr, and Milton B. Trautman.

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

At the meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union held in New York on October 25, Frederick C. Lincoln was elected Treasurer and Business Manager; Ernst Mayr, A. L. Rand, and Josselyn Van Tyne were chosen for the Council; and the following were made Members: Robert P. Allen, Richard M. Bond, Maurice Brooks, Mrs. Amelia R. Laskey, Eugene P. Odum, William H. Phelps, and Charles F. Walker. The Brewster Memorial Award for the most meritorious work on American birds was given to Roger Tory Peterson. Maurice Brooks, the appointed representative of the Wilson Ornithological Club on the A.O.U. Council, was prevented from attending the meeting; Ernst Mayr served as representative in his stead.

Gustav A. Swanson, formerly Associate Professor of Entomology and Economic Zoology at the University of Minnesota, has been appointed biologist in the Division of Wildlife Research, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He will head the cooperative research program and serve as liaison officer on Pittman-Robertson research projects.

Although continued military use of the Alaskan Highway closes it to the casual tourist, scientific students whose work promises to yield results of importance may still obtain permits. American applications should be addressed to: Officer Commanding U. S. Army Engineers, Edmonton, Alberta; Canadian applications to: Major-General W. W. Foster, D.S.O., V.D., Special Commissioner for Defence Projects in Northwest Canada, Edmonton, Alberta.

The Wildlife Society at its annual meeting last spring made two awards for outstanding papers published in 1943 in the field of wildlife ecology and management: to H. S. Mosby and C. O. Handley, for *The Wild Turkey in Virginia*, as reported in the September *Bulletin*; and to Richard Gerstell for *The Place of Winter Feeding in Practical Wildlife Management*.